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SHNUM FOLLOWS DOSARM PATTERN -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 24 Apr 51

The SHNUM (Shogerise per Ndhime Ushtrise dhe Mbrojtje, Society for the Support of the Army and Defense) is a volunteer organization patterned after the Soviet DOSARM. Its function is to provide instruction and training for its members, and among the broad masses of the population, in military and military-scientific subjects and in military sports. The SHNUM teaches young and old of both sexes the handling of machines, motors, motorcycles, tractors, telephone and telegraph equipment, etc. The knowledge gained would be useful should it be necessary to defend Albania. At the same time, the special skills gained will aid in the realization of the economic plan, and in the development of the country.

The courses offered by SHNUM are arranged so that they may be taken after working hours.

A well-rounded sports program is provided, including excursions, swimming, horseback riding, mountain climbing, skiing, fencing, etc.

Training with arms is also provided, and SHNUM members are expected to become masters of their weapons, and are encouraged to strive for the classification of "sniper."

Members of the SHNUM should endeavor to be worthy of the organization's slogan, "Ready for defense," for which the letters GPM (Gati per Mbrojtje) stand.

Youth organizations, labor unions, and similar organizations are urged to support the work of SENUM.

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CRITICIZE SHNUM WORK -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 27 Apr 51

The work of the SHNUM is not proceeding satisfactorily. The importance of this paramilitary organization is not sufficiently appreciated throughout Albania. Large numbers of SHNUM members in the Lushnje district are ready and eager to take specialized courses, yet those responsible for the program have done little or nothing about it. The situation in the Lesh district is equally unfortunate.

Indifference on the part of agencies and individuals whose duty it is to support the SHNUM organization is also noted in Tirana, Durres, and Shkoker. It is time to strengthen the discipline of the SHNUM, to improve morale, and to rid the organization of hostile, indifferent, and obstructionist elements.

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